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*Aye! it is in the remembrance of Allah*
*that hearts can find comfort; (13:29)*

سنو! اللہ ہی کے ذکر سے دل اطمینان پکڑتے ہیں۔

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# Message of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (May Allah be his Helper) at the Occasion of Ijtima Majlis Ansarullah Canada 2024

Respected Sadr Sahib, Majlis Anşărullah Canada

السلام علیکم ورحمتہ اللہ وبرکاتہ

You requested a message for Majlis Anşărullah Canada's Annual National Ijtima'. On this occasion, I would like to draw the attention of all Ansar towards some important responsibilities. Allah the Almighty has bestowed upon us the blessing of Ahmadiyyat. This is a tremendous favour from Him, for which we must express our deepest gratitude. As members of Majlis Anşārullāh, your responsibilities are very important.

You are those pillars of the Jama'at, upon whom the responsibility of nurturing the future generations is vested. Allah the Exalted says that He created the Jinn and mankind solely for His worship. Therefore, you should always prioritize this command and strive to elevate the standards of your worship. The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) has said that a true prayer is one that is offered with passion and pain. Cultivate this spirit in your prayers so that they may be accepted. The second critical responsibility is the moral training of your children. In this era, where disbelief and atheism are rampant, it is your responsibility to keep your progeny firmly connected to their faith. Teach them the true religion and exemplify high moral standards. As guardians of your households, you are accountable for the religious and moral training of your children. Therefore, it is your duty to instill in them the practice of regular prayers, recitation of the Holy Qur'an, and participation in Jama'at activities.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) has said that the purpose of this Jama'at is to re-establish true knowledge and piety. To achieve this, cultivate pure transformations within yourselves and disseminate the beautiful teachings of Islam in your surroundings. Anşărullah also holds the responsibility of propagating Islam. Foster within yourselves a zeal for preaching and a concern for upholding the Supreme Words of Allah.

These responsibilities are demanding and require persistent effort, diligence, and supplication. However, if you steadfastly persevere, Allah will undoubtedly assist you. Therefore, depart from this Ijtima' with a renewed commitment to fulfilling your responsibilities and consider it your foremost duty to strive in the path of Allah. May Allah the Exalted elevate your academic, religious, and spiritual standards! May Allah bless your Ijtima' and make it successful in every aspect! Ameen! Extend my loving Salam to all participants of the Ijtima'.

Wassalam!

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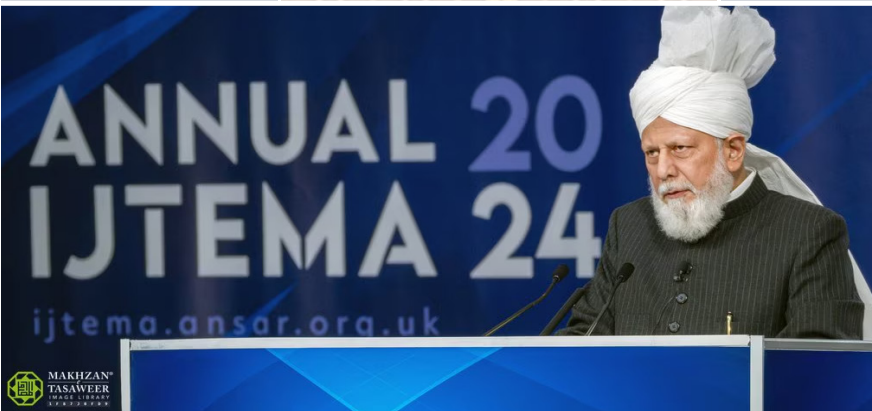

# The Holy Qur’an

وَاِذۡ اَخَذَ اللّٰہُ مِیۡثَاقَ النَّبِیّٖنَ لَمَاۤ اٰتَیۡتُکُمۡ مِّنۡ کِتٰبٍ وَّحِکۡمَۃٍ ثُمَّ
جَآءَکُمۡ رَسُوۡلٌ مُّصَدِّقٌ لِّمَا مَعَکُمۡ لَتُؤۡمِنُنَّ بِہٖ وَلَتَنۡصُرُنَّہٗ ؕ قَالَ
ءَاَقۡرَرۡتُمۡ وَاَخَذۡتُمۡ عَلٰی ذٰلِکُمۡ اِصۡرِیۡ ؕ قَالُوۡۤا اَقۡرَرۡنَا ؕ قَالَ فَاشۡہَدُوۡا
وَاَنَا مَعَکُمۡ مِّنَ الشّٰہِدِیۡنَ (3:82)

## Translation

And *remember the time* when Allah took a covenant from the *people through* the Prophets, *saying*: ‘Whatever I give you of the Book *and* Wisdom and then there comes to you a Messenger, fulfilling that which is with you, you shall believe in him and help him.’ *And* He said: ‘Do you agree, and do you accept the responsibility which I lay upon you in this *matter*?’ They said, ‘We agree;’ He said, ‘Then bear witness, and I am with you among the witnesses.’

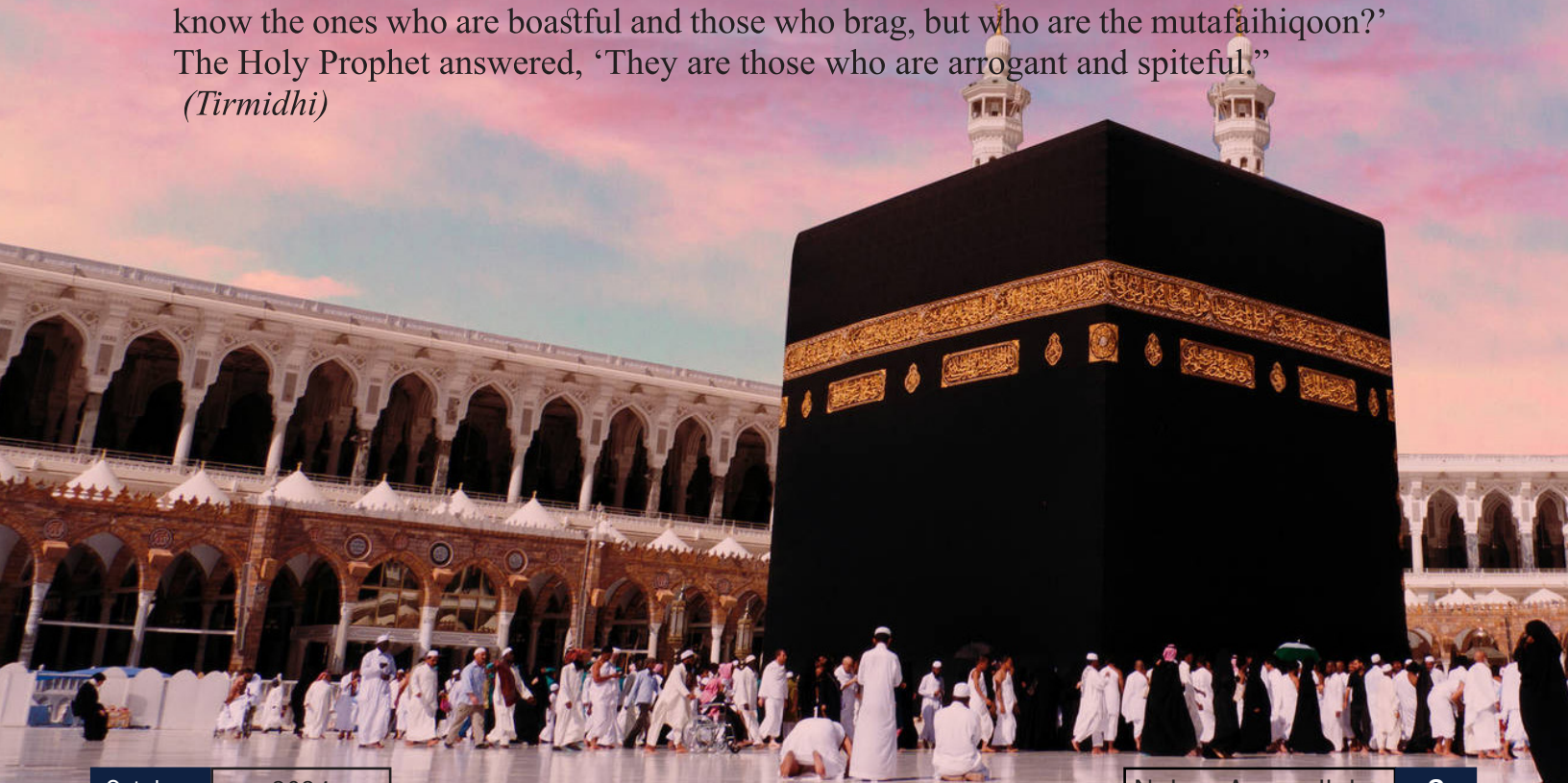
## Short Commentary

This verse is considered to apply to other Prophets in general and to the Holy Prophet in particular. Both applications are correct. The verse lays down a general rule. The advent of every Prophet takes place in fulfilment of certain prophecies made by a previous Prophet in which he enjoins his followers to accept the next Prophet when he makes his appearance. If the Prophet comes in fulfilment of the prophecies contained in the scriptures of one people only, as was the case with Jesus and other Israelite Prophets, then only that people are bound to accept and help him; but if the scriptures of all religions predict the coming of a Prophet, as in the case of the Holy Prophet, then all nations are bound to accept him.

The Holy Prophet appeared in fulfilment of the prophecies not only of the Israelite Prophets (Isa. 21:13-15. Deut. 18:18; 33:2. John 14:25, 26; 16:7-13) but also of the Aryan seers and Buddhist and Zoroastrian sages. We have the following prophecy in Dasatir, the sacred Scripture of the Parsis: “When the people of Iran will begin to do such, (i.e. evil) deeds, there shall appear from among the Arabs a man whose followers shall abolish the crown, the throne, the kingdom, and the religion of Iran. The headstrong shall become humble and a house without idols shall take the place of idol-houses and fire-temples, and to it shall they turn their faces in worship” (Safrang Dasatir, p. 188, Siraji Press, Delhi). The words are too clear to need comment. A similar prophecy is found in Jamaspi, a work of Jamaspi, the first successor of Zoroaster (Jamaspi, published by Nizamul-Masha’ikh, Delhi, 1330 A.H.).

عَنْ جَابِرٍ رضي الله عنه أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللّٰهِ ﷺ قَالَ: إِنَّ مِنْ أَحَبِّكُمْ إِلَى وَأَقْرَبِكُمْ مِنِّي مَجْلِسًا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ أُحَاسِنُكُمْ أَخْلَاقًا وَإِنَّ مِنْ أَبْغَضِكُمْ إِلَيَّ وَابْعَدِكُمْ مِنِّى يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ الثَّرْثَارُوْنَ وَالْمُتَشَدِّقُوْنَ وَالْمُتَفَيْهِقُوْنَ! قَالُوا: يَا رَسُولَ اللّٰهِ قَدْ عَلِمْنَا الثَّرْثَارُوْنَ وَالْمُتَشَدِّقُوْنَ فَمَا الْمُتَفَيْهِقُوْنَ؟ قَالَ: الْمُتَكَبِّرُونَ۔

(ترمذی کتاب البر والصلة باب في معالى الاخلاق)

**53**. Jaabir, God be pleased with him, narrates that the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, said: “The one dearest to me and the one nearest to me on the Day of Judgment, will be the one who is most well mannered. Themost loathsome from among you and furthest removed from me on the Day of Judgment will be the boastful, the braggarts and the al mutafaihiqoon.” The Companions enquired, ‘We know the ones who are boastful and those who brag, but who are the mutafaihiqoon?’ The Holy Prophet answered, ‘They are those who are arrogant and spiteful.’”
*(Tirmidhi)*

# So Said The Promised Messiah[as]

*Sin, which indeed is a poison, is born when a man is wanting in obedience to God and is empty of His love and His affectionate remembrance. The fate of a man whose heart has become cold to the love of God is like that of an uprooted tree, no longer capable of drawing the sap of life from the soil. As such a tree gradually withers and dies out, so, like the dryness of the tree, sin overwhelms the heart. The remedy for this state of dryness, according to the law of nature is of three types:*

*(1) Love (2) Istighfar, i.e. seeking forgiveness of Allah. It literally means a desire to bury or to cover, reminding one that as long as the root of the tree is buried in the soil it can hope to bring forth green foliage. (3) The third remedy is tauba, which means to turn towards God in all humility drawing the sap of life and to bring oneself closer to Him to break loose with the help of righteous deeds from the enveloping cover of sinfulness. Tauba cannot be achieved merely by word of mouth; in fact tauba can be perfected only with the help of righteous deeds. All acts of goodness are aimed at achieving perfection of tauba.*

*(Sirajuddin Isai ke Char Sawalon ka Jawab: Roohani Khaza'in Vol. 12, p 328-329)*

# Live up to the title of 'Nahnu Ansarullah': Huzoor delivers concluding address at Ijtema of Majlis Ansarullah UK 2024

Al-Hakam, 29th September 2024

From 27-29 September 2024, Majlis Ansarullah UK held their annual ijtema in Kingsley, Hampshire. On the final day, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V, may Allah be his Helper, graced the occasion and delivered an address to formally conclude the event.

Hazrat Amirul Momineen[aa] arrived at the ijtema gah shortly after 4:15 pm. Huzoor[aa] invited Mahmud Vardi Sahib to recite a portion of the Holy Quran. He recited verses 107–113 of Surah al-Anbiya', after which Dr Azher Siddiq Sahib presented their English translation.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V[aa] then proceeded to the podium, where he led all present in the Majlis Ansarullah pledge.

Following this, Huzoor[aa] invited Munir Odeh Sahib to present an Arabic qasidah composed by the Promised Messiah[as], along with its English translation. Saikou Gassama Sahib then recited an Urdu poem written by the Promised Messiah[as], and Javaid Haidar Hameed Sahib provided the English translation of the couplets.

Huzoor[aa] then called upon Sahibzada Mirza Waqas Ahmad Sahib, Sadr Majlis Ansarullah UK, to deliver the ijtema report. Sadr Sahib presented a brief account, highlighting key aspects of this year's ijtema. Next, Qaid Amoomi Majlis Ansarullah UK was invited to announce the Alam-e-Inami prize for the winning qiadat of the year, which Huzoor[aa] awarded to the said qiadat.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V[aa] then returned to the podium to deliver his concluding address. Huzoor[aa] began by saying that Majlis Ansarullah Belgium is also holding its annual ijtema simultaneously and prayed for the attendees.

### Responsibilities of Ansarullah in modern society

Huzoor[aa] highlighted the challenges posed by modern society, where inappropriate liberalism and vain pursuits are increasingly promoted under the guise of freedom and progress. In such a

context, the responsibilities of Majlis Ansarullah – comprising mature and experienced members of the Jamaat – have increased significantly. He reminded the audience that members of Ansarullah must serve as role models, not only for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat but also for wider society. Huzoor[aa] stressed that the atmosphere in their homes should reflect Islamic values, setting an example for their wives, children, and neighbours.

Huzoor[aa] emphasised that the Promised Messiah[as] had high expectations of the Jamaat, and through their pledge of allegiance, members had committed to fulfilling these expectations. He urged them to reflect deeply on whether this commitment was visible in their everyday actions and warned that without this, they would fail to discharge the true purpose of their pledge of bai'at.

## Creating harmonious homes and good treatment of women

Huzoor[aa] spoke at length about the importance of creating homes filled with love, affection, and peace, explaining that these virtues would flow from the home into society. He shared the guidance of the Promised Messiah[as] on the respectful and kind treatment of women, reminding the ansar of an incident where the Promised Messiah[as] had raised his voice slightly to his wife and then spent a long time in prayer, seeking forgiveness and offering charity. This anecdote served to highlight the high standard of conduct expected from ansar, particularly in their homes.

Huzoor[aa] urged that their behaviour towards their wives must be exemplary, as this would have a profound impact not only within the home but also on the children and wider family. The Promised Messiah's[as] teachings about household harmony were essential in creating a strong, moral Community.

## The role of fathers and the impact on children

Fathers, Huzoor[aa] explained, bear a great responsibility in the upbringing of their children. He stressed that their conduct and behaviour, particularly towards their wives and relatives, would leave a lasting impression on their children. If children witness conflict or harshness in the home, it could drive them away from the values of faith, leading them to seek comfort elsewhere, which might expose them to negative influences. A father's role is not just as a disciplinarian but also as a spiritual guide who instils love for Allah and faith in the hearts of his children. Huzoor[aa] said this is also the responsibility of the khuddam.

He reminded the ansar that the upbringing of children was a sacred responsibility placed upon them by the Promised Messiah[as], and it was through their actions and prayers that their children would remain connected to the religion and the Jamaat. Fathers, therefore, must be patient, kind, and forgiving, offering their children a positive, nurturing environment.

## The Promised Messiah[as] said:

*"Guidance and upbringing, in essence, is in the hands of God. Nagging incessantly and persisting on a matter beyond reasonable bounds, i.e., to prohibit and rebuke children on every little thing, demonstrates that we are, as if, the masters of guidance, and will be able to bring our children on the path that accords with our own will. This is a hidden form of associating partners with God. My community ought to refrain from such a practice [...]*

*"I pray for my children, and see to it that they follow broad principles, etiquette and teachings; this is all, nothing more. Then, I place my entire trust in Allah the Exalted. The seed of goodness that is present in each of them, according to their nature, will flourish when the time comes."* (Malfuzat [English], Vol. 1, pp. 181-182)

## Patience, forgiveness, and mutual love

In his address, Huzoor[aa] emphasised the need for patience and forgiveness within the Jamaat. He cited the teachings of the Promised Messiah[as] on the importance of developing tolerance and letting go of grievances. Huzoor[aa] noted that holding grudges or escalating minor disagreements could lead to wider social

discord and damage the unity of the Jamaat. Forgiveness, he explained, is a virtue that strengthens bonds and helps create a peaceful, harmonious environment, both within the family and in society at large.

### The Promised Messiah's[as] said:

*"Take heed and remember that God does not like such behaviour. You who hold a relationship with me—and who do so only for the sake of God—ought to do good to those who do good and forgive those who do evil."*

(Malfuzat [English], Vol. 1, p. 201)

The Promised Messiah's[as] mission, Huzoor[aa] reminded the ansar, was based on two overarching principles: the Oneness of Allah and living with kindness and sympathy for others. If members of the Jamaat adhered to these values, they would set an example for the wider world, showcasing the true teachings of Islam.

### The Promised Messiah's[as] said:

*"I have spoken many times before about the mutual concord and love that ought to prevail within our community. I have stated that you all ought to remain reconciled and united. This is the teaching that God Almighty gave to the Muslims that you must all remain as one being, or you will lose your stature. The reason that Muslims have been instructed to stand together in Prayer with their shoulders touching one another is to foster unity. The goodness in one person will flow into the next like an electric current. If you are divided and disunited, you shall be deprived.*

*"The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, has said that you ought to love one another and pray for each other even without the other's knowledge. If an individual prays for someone without their knowledge, an angel says: 'May it be so for you as well.' What an outstanding thing indeed! If someone were to suggest that man's prayers are not heard, at least they will agree that the prayers of an angel are accepted. I would like to advise you and say that there should be no discord amongst you.*

*"I have only brought you two teachings: firstly, to believe in the Oneness of God; secondly, to show one another love and sympathy. Show an example that serves as a miracle for others. This was what developed amongst the companions and it served as an argument to others. Allah the Exalted states:*

كُنۡتُمۡ اَعۡدَآءً فَاَلَّفَ بَیۡنَ قُلُوۡبِکُمۡ فَاَصۡبَحۡتُمۡ بِنِعۡمَتِہٖۤ اِخۡوَانًا

*'You were enemies and He united your hearts in love.' [Surah Aal-e-'Imran, Ch. 3: V. 104]*

*"Remember! Unity is a miracle. Remember! Until each and every one of you likes for your brother what you prefer for yourselves, you are not from among my community. Such a one suffers misfortune and trial. He shall not meet a good end. I am about to prepare a book in which all those people who cannot control their emotions will be separated. People fight over trivial matters. For example, one person says that a certain performer jumped ten yards and another person will begin arguing on this point, and this then leads to malice.*

*"Bear in mind that a sign of the Mahdi is that hatred would be dispelled. Now will this sign not be fulfilled? Indeed it will. So why do you not show forbearance? It is a fact in medicine that sometimes a disease cannot be cured until various other ailments are treated. Through my person, a righteous community will be established, God-willing.*

*"What is the cause of mutual enmity? It is miserliness, pride, self-conceit, and emotional impulses. I have mentioned that I will soon write a book in which I shall remove all those from my community who do not have a grasp over their emotions, and who cannot coexist with mutual love and brotherhood. Those who act in this manner ought to remember that they are guests for a few days, unless they show an excellent example. I do not wish to be a target for objection on account of others. An individual who joins my community and does not act in line with my objective is a dry branch. If a gardener does not cut it off, what is he to do? A dry branch that is attached to a flourishing one sucks water but cannot become verdant itself.*

*In fact, the dry branch causes the green branch to wither away as well. So have fear. One who does not cure themselves will not remain with me. Since I will provide a detailed explanation of all this in my book, now I shall say a few words in Arabic to fulfil my obligation."*

(Malfuzat [English], Vol. 2, pp. 220-222)

### The dangers of worldly attachment and greed

Huzoor[aa] addressed the dangers of becoming overly attached to material wealth and worldly pursuits. He shared the Promised Messiah's[as] teachings on how greed and worldly desires can create a metaphorical hell in this life. Huzoor[aa]cautioned that the pursuit of wealth often leaves a person dissatisfied, as materialism can never truly bring inner peace or fulfilment. Instead, it creates an unquenchable thirst for more, which ultimately leads to spiritual ruin.

He reminded the ansar that while striving for worldly success is permissible, it must always remain subservient to the goals of faith and service to Allah. Wealth, family, and status are all trials that must be navigated carefully to avoid becoming veils between man and God. True peace, he explained, can only be achieved by living for the sake of Allah and prioritising the spiritual over the material.

### The Promised Messiah's[as] said:

*"Now, one ought to understand what hell is exactly. One hell is that which Allah Almighty has promised after death. Secondly, this life also, if not devoted to God Almighty, is also a hell. Allah the Exalted does not concern Himself to save such people from pain and give them comfort. Do not think that a large share of worldly riches, authority, wealth, honour and children can give a person any pleasure, comfort and tranquillity, and that these things constitute an early paradise in this world. Not at all. That comfort, that satisfaction, and that tranquillity which are from among the rewards of paradise cannot be attained through such means. This can only be attained by living and dying in complete devotion to God."*

(Malfuzat [English], Vol. 1, pp. 273-274)

### The importance of the Holy Quran

Huzoor[aa] placed great emphasis on the importance of adhering to the Holy Quran, advising members of Majlis Ansarullah to make it their constant source of guidance. He echoed the Promised Messiah's[as] teaching that the Holy Quran is the ultimate tool for spiritual success and that other religious texts, while important, should not overshadow it. The Holy Quran, Huzoor[aa] said, contains within it all the knowledge and guidance required for living a righteous life, and it is only through acting upon its teachings that one can attain true success.

He encouraged members to dedicate themselves to studying the Quran and to ensure that their children also form a strong connection with it. Ansarullah, as mature members of the Jamaat, have a special responsibility to lead by example in their commitment to the Quran, ensuring that future generations uphold its teachings.

### The Promised Messiah's[as] said:

*"If we did not have the Quran, and if these collections of Hadith had been the crowning glory of our faith and belief, we would not even have been able to show our faces to other nations out of shame. I reflected over the word Quran and then it became evident to me that this blessed word in itself contains a magnificent prophecy. The prophecy is that this book alone is the Quran, i.e. a book that is worthy of being recited, and there will be a time when this will be the case even more so than before. In the era when other books will also be recited alongside the Quran, the Quran alone shall be worthy of being recited so that the honour of Islam may be saved and falsehood may be uprooted; other books will deserve to be forsaken completely. This is also the meaning of Furqan (distinction). In other words, this book alone shall stand to distinguish between truth and falsehood, and no other compilation of Hadith, or any other book for that matter, shall be equal in value or stature."Now forsake all other books and read the Book of Allah day and night. Truly devoid of faith is the one who does not turn to the Quran*

*and who remains, day and night, engaged in studying other books. Our community ought to become absorbed with heart and soul in studying and reflecting on the Holy Quran and should not let themselves become overly preoccupied in studying the Hadith. It is most regrettable that the Holy Quran is not given the same attention, nor studied, as are the Hadith. At this time, if you employ the weapon known as the Holy Quran, you shall be victorious. No darkness will be able to stand in the face of this light."* (Malfuzat [English], Vol. 3, pp. 9-10)

### The necessity of spiritual transformation

In his address, Huzoor[aa] stressed that the pledge of allegiance (bai'at) is not merely an outward declaration but a commitment to undergo a profound inner transformation. He warned that without this internal change, the bai'at would be nothing more than a hollow shell. The essence of the pledge lies in developing a deep love for Allah and showing kindness and sympathy to His creation. Without these qualities, a person cannot truly claim to follow the Promised Messiah[as].

Huzoor[aa] urged ansar to reflect on whether they had undergone this transformation and whether their actions reflected the essence of their pledge. The real success of their allegiance, he explained, would be evident in their behaviour and character, as they strive to live by the high standards set by the Promised Messiah[as].

### The Promised Messiah's[as] said:

*"Observe the state of the wor ld today. Our Noble Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, demonstrated through his own actions that his death and his life were all for the sake of Allah Almighty alone, but then, there are the Muslims of today. If someone is asked whether they are a Muslim, they will respond in the affirmative by saying: 'All praise belongs to Allah.' But the man whose creed they recite was one whose entire life was based on the guiding principle of devotion to God. Yet the Muslim of today lives for the world and dies for the world. Until they finally begin to breathe their last, it is the world that is their objective, the object of their love and desire. How then can such a one say that they follow the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him? "This is an instance for contemplation; do not consider this to be an ordinary matter. It is not easy to be a Muslim. Do not rest until you develop obedience for the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, and inculcate a true image of Islam within yourselves."* (Malfuzat [English], Vol. 3, pp. 79-80)

### Unity and the role of ansar as Helpers of Allah

Concluding his address, Huzoor[aa] emphasised the importance of unity within the Jamaat. He reminded the ansar that the success of the Jamaat's mission depends on the collective effort of its members. Only through mutual cooperation, teamwork, and shared commitment to the cause can the Jamaat achieve its goals. Huzoor[aa] urged ansar to live up to their title of نَحْنُ أَنْصَارُ اللّٰهِ (We are the helpers of Allah) by working together with dedication and a spirit of service. Huzoor[aa] said:

"When we have called ourselves Ansarullah and have raised the slogan 'نَحْنُ أَنْصَارُ اللّٰهِ' (We are the helpers of Allah), then we must make every possible effort to fulfil the rights of being part of the Community of the Promised Messiah[as] and being the Ansarullah [i.e., Helpers of Allah]."

He concluded by praying for the success of the Jamaat, for their ability to fulfil the pledge of allegiance, and for the spread of peace and harmony within society. "May Allah the Almighty grant us the ability to transform our own conditions, to strive to bring about a change in the conditions of our children, to keep the environment of our homes peaceful, and to maintain peace in our society. We should be the bearers of peace and security for the world. We should strive to turn this world towards recognising God, to raise the banner of the Holy Prophet[sa] in this world, and to bring the world under the shade of his flag. May Allah enable us to always remain such ansar. Amin."

Huzoor[aa] then led the audience in silent prayer.

# What are the most common scams with seniors in Canada?

By Nisar Shams Majlis Melville

Various scams often target seniors in Canada due to their perceived vulnerability, trustworthiness, and, in some cases, social isolation. Here are some of the most common scams that target seniors:

### 1. Telemarketing Scams

- **Fake Charities:** Scammers pose as representatives of charities, particularly after natural disasters or during holiday seasons, asking for donations that never reach those in need.

- **Prize or Lottery Scams:** Seniors are told they've won a lottery or prize but must pay taxes, fees, or customs charges upfront to claim it. Of course, there is no prize, and the scammer pockets the money.

- Phony Investment Opportunities: Seniors are offered "can't-miss" investment opportunities, often in real estate or precious metals, that are actually fraudulent.

### 2. Romance Scams

- Scammers create fake profiles on online dating sites or social media, often targeting widowed or divorced seniors. They build a relationship with the victim over time and then ask for money for emergencies, travel expenses, or other fabricated reasons.

### 3. Grandparent Scams

- The scammer pretends to be a grandchild in distress, often claiming to be in legal trouble or needing money for an emergency (like bail or medical bills). They may also have someone else pose as a lawyer or police officer to make the story more believable. The senior is asked to send money urgently, usually through wire transfer or gift cards.

### 4. CRA (Canada Revenue Agency) Scams

- Scammers impersonate CRA officials, claiming the senior owes back taxes or that there's an issue with their tax return. The scammer demands immediate payment, often threatening arrest, deportation, or other severe consequences if the money is not sent.

### 5. Tech Support Scams

- Scammers call seniors, claiming to be from a well-known tech company like Microsoft, and say that their computer is infected with a virus. They ask for remote access to "fix" the problem, which allows them to steal personal information or install malware. They may also

demand payment for unnecessary services.

### 6. Home Repair Scams

• Fraudulent contractors offer home repair services, such as roofing or driveway paving, at a low price. They may ask for upfront payment and then either do substandard work or disappear without completing the job.

### 7. Phishing Scams

• These scams typically involve emails or text messages that appear to be from a legitimate source, such as a bank or government agency. The message often includes a link to a fake website that asks for personal information like passwords, Social Insurance Numbers (SIN), or credit card details.

### 8. Medical and Health-Related Scams

• Fake Prescription Drugs: Seniors looking for cheaper medications online may be duped into purchasing counterfeit drugs that are ineffective or harmful.

• Health Insurance Scams: Scammers offer bogus health insurance policies or claim that the senior's health card has expired and needs to be renewed for a fee.

### 9. Funeral and Cemetery Scams

• Scammers may exploit grieving seniors by overcharging for funeral services or selling unnecessary items. In some cases, they may insist on prepayment for funeral services that are never delivered.

### 10. Pension and Benefits Scams

• Scammers may call or send letters claiming to be from the government, saying there's an issue with the senior's pension or Old Age Security (OAS) payments, and ask for personal information or payment to resolve the issue.

### 11. Door-to-Door Scams

• Scammers go door-to-door offering services such as energy audits, home security systems, or magazine subscriptions. They may pressure the senior into signing a contract for services that are overpriced or unnecessary.

### 12. Reverse Mortgage Scams

• Fraudulent companies may target seniors with misleading information about reverse mortgages, offering deals that are unfavorable and designed to take equity from the senior's home.

### Preventive Measures:

• Be Skeptical of Unsolicited Calls/Emails: Always verify the identity of the person or organization contacting you. Never give out personal information over the phone or online unless you're certain of the recipient's identity.

• Do Not Rush Decisions: Scammers often create a sense of urgency. Take your time to think things over, consult with a trusted family member or friend, and research any offers or requests.

• Use Caller ID and Block Unwanted Calls: Recognize and avoid calls from unknown numbers. Consider using services that block spam or robocalls.

• Shred Documents: Shred all documents that contain personal information before disposing of them to prevent identity theft.

• Report Scams: If you suspect you've been targeted by a scam, report it to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, local police, or your financial institution.

By staying informed and vigilant, seniors can protect themselves from falling victim to these common scams.

# A Point to Ponder

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The Holy Prophet[sa] once said that "Cleanliness is half of faith." Essentially it means that faith encompasses both physical and spiritual aspects. The Promised Messiah[as] has also said that the physical characteristics always affect the spiritual behaviors. We can easily visualize that if one does not keep his body, clothes and surroundings clean, he would never be able to achieve any satisfaction in his prayers and spiritual exercises. Physical and spiritual purities go hand in hand.

We Ansarullah are at the stage of our lives where we are supposed to be the most mature of all the Jama`at groups, as well as role models for our younger generation. Like all other aspects, we should be the first ones to show that we are clean in our appearances, which would reflect cleanliness of our minds and hearts as well. But unfortunately, it has been seen time and again that most Ansar do not pay much attention to this point. They don't really care about their actions which result in any mess in the surrounding.

Recently at the occasion of National Ijtema, many Ansar slept in the basement of Baitul Islam. The following day, it was observed that the basement prayer hall was horribly littered-one could not believe his eyes how any sensible person as a guest would make such mess at the host's place, the least when that place also happens to be the house of Allah. It was really disgusting, even shameful to witness that scene. Nevertheless, it may also be seen as an eye opener for the Jama`at, especially Ansarullah organization, to reflect upon themselves and pledge that going forward we would take special care of both physical and spiritual cleanliness of ourselves and our families. Let us not just raise hollow slogans and boastful mottos, but also put action to our words and be a role model for our younger generations.

# How can I earn my child's respect?

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As Ansarullah, we are often faced with Tarbiyyat issues surrounding our children. While one can be quick to blame the environment, their friends or the schooling system, it is very rare that we reflect on ourselves as the cause of such issues.

As our beloved Aqa, Syedna Khalifatul Masih V aa clearly articulated in his speech to AnsarUllah on September 29, 2024, there is a clear line between earning your child's respect and simply expecting it because you are the parent. This line lies in the behaviour we exhibit. Our children pick up on our habits and our responses to situations, and as they grow, they either respect us more or less because of them.

When we reach Ansarullah, our children are normally at an age where they can understand what is going on around them and analyse the situation. If we want our children to respect us, there are certain habits we need to let go of.

### 1. Being Overly Authoritative

Maintaining discipline is crucial when raising children, but there is a fine line between discipline and dictatorship. Often, parents fall into the trap of establishing an overly authoritative environment. The Promised Messiahas has taught us that true guidance and upbringing are ultimately in God's hands. Constantly nagging or over-correcting children implies that we can control their moral path, which is akin to associating partners with God. [Malfuzat [English], Vol. 1, pp. 181-182]

When children feel like their voices are not heard, they start seeing their parents as oppressors rather than mentors. Do not get me wrong, setting boundaries is important. But

it is equally critical to allow your child some autonomy. Let them make decisions and learn from their mistakes. This way, your child will not only respect you more as they grow older, but they will also develop valuable life skills.

## 2. Not Practicing What You Preach

Leading by example is one of the most important rules that we can follow. I remember when one day my son, still a tifl, ignored the phone call from Murabi Sahib. Concerned, I asked him why he did not answer the call, to which he responded: "but you did the same when Sadr Sahib called."

In my defence, a week earlier, I had just returned from work when the phone rang. Fully intending to call him back, I decided to freshen up before doing so. That set an example of ignoring important calls!

That day, I realized that children learn more from our actions than our words. It dawned on me that if I wanted him to respect the rules, I had to abide by them too. Letting go of this habit will not only earn you your child's respect but also help them understand the importance of integrity and consistency. After all, we cannot expect them to respect us if we are not respecting the rules ourselves.

## 3. Dismissing Their Interests

Did you know that before the age of 7, children start developing their own interests ? These interests can range from dinosaurs and rocks to God and Angels.

When parents dismiss or belittle these interests, it can be quite discouraging for a child. It sends a message that their passions are not important. But if you take an active interest in what your child enjoys, you are showing them that their thoughts and feelings matter to you. It helps them feel validated and respected.

The best example of engaging with children in their inquiries comes through our beloved Aqa, Syedna Khalifatul Masih V[aa] . Huzoor[aa] regularly holds interactive sessions with children and adults alike where their seemingly ordinary questions are met with thoughtful, informative answers that contribute towards their growth. For instance, when asked whether Ahmadi Muslims could work in restaurants that serve pork, Huzoor[aa] initially responded that if they had to personally handle or prepare pork, it would not be permissible. However, in a later session, another child sought clarification regarding Ahmadi Muslims working in stores that sold pork. In response, Huzoor expanded on his previous answer, explaining that if individuals were not directly involved in preparing or cooking pork but only interacted with it indirectly—such as handling transactions at the register—it would be permissible. This thoughtful engagement with questions, regardless of the age of the inquirer, shows that no question should be ridiculed. Instead, each inquiry offers an opportunity for learning and the further development of understanding .

So next time your son or daughter starts reciting facts about space or insists on watching the same cartoon over and over, instead of tuning out, tune in. It could lead to some interesting conversations and a stronger bond with your child.

## 4. Neglecting Promises

Promises to a child are like law. When we keep our promises, we show them that we are reliable and trustworthy. But when we break them, even for seemingly small things, it can shake their trust in us.

Think about it, if you promised to take your child to the park over the weekend but you end up cancelling, it sends a message that your commitments are not important. If you frequently promise to spend time with them and consistently cancel due to other obligations, then you should be mindful of the consequence. The child will develop feelings of worthlessness or abandonment, and your relationship will erode over time. Trying to correct this course of action later life through harshness or guilt trips does not undo years of broken word, it simply erodes your relationship further.

Hazrat Musleh Maud[ra] has consistently remined us that that our actions set a precedent. If we do not honour our commitments, how can we expect our children to honour theirs ?

So, make a conscious effort to keep your promises, no matter how small they may seem. It is a simple step towards building respect and trust with your child.

### 5. Avoiding Difficult Conversations

When my son, a young Khadim at the time, first asked me about lesbians, I was taken aback. It was a topic I was not prepared to discuss with him. I initially tried to talk around the question, but I realized that if I did not discuss these difficult topics with him, someone else would. And they might not explain it in a way that is appropriate.

Avoiding tough conversations can create a communication gap between you and your child. They may feel that they cannot approach you with serious or sensitive issues. If you feel uncomfortable speaking about a subject, you should let them know and ask your Murabi Sahib for assistance. If he cannot help, Jama'at has other resources that can guide you and your children in understanding difficult topics. But your openness to listen and help is crucial in building a bond. Remember the fact that they are asking you these questions because they trust you. This is your opportunity to further cement that trust and show your child that they can trust you with anything.

### 6. Always Solving Their Problems

As parents, it is instinctive for us to want to protect our children from hardship and solve problems for them. But doing this all the time can hinder their ability to learn problem-solving skills on their own.

Instead of solving their problems, guide them towards finding solutions rather than providing them outright. If you need help in understanding how to do this, read or watch any Q&A session with Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV[ru] or our beloved Huzoor[aa]. You will learn how to help your child think and solve problems. By solving problems for them, you are robbing them of their independence, which will cause more issues as they enter the society and are faced with decision making.

By guiding them towards principles, and not solving the problem yourself, you will help them become independent thinkers. They will respect you as a mentor.

### Conclusion

It is befitting to conclude this brief article with the advice that Huzoor[aa] parted us with during the closing session of Lajna Ijtema in the UK on September 28, 2024.

Parents play a crucial role in fostering their children's spiritual and physical growth, starting from birth. nurturing a household where worship and gratitude towards Allah are central is key, and parental neglect in spiritual education can lead to a child's misguidance.

One must remain mindful that parental discord and neglect of spiritual duties can create confusion in children. Parents must take a unified approach, rooted in taqwa. This is essential in building a morally upright and spiritually strong family. The words of sermon read during a Nikah ceremony remind us of this key aspect.

As parents we must prioritize prayer as a shield against immorality, because sincere devotion in worship leads to spiritual growth. As parents, we must become role models, ensuring our children's future by cultivating a strong connection with Allah.

# A Family Odyssey Across The East Coast – Part II

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**LAP – 4 – SeaWorld, Orlando**

As we explored the wonders of SeaWorld, we were reminded of Allah's magnificent creation and the intricate balance of the marine ecosystem. The grace and beauty of the creatures we encountered filled our hearts with awe and reverence for the Divine Creator. As the sun dances upon the cerulean waves of Orlando's imagination, we set sail for SeaWorld—a realm where oceanic wonders come alive. Here, the salty breeze carries tales of penguins, dolphins, and ancient mariners. So, tighten your life vest, and let us explore this aquatic sanctuary.

**Antarctica, Empire of the Penguin:** We embarked on an epic adventure to meet the emperor penguins in Antarctica's frozen realm. The joy on our kids' faces was contagious as they observed these tuxedoed creatures sliding and waddling, creating unforgettable memories in the icy empire.

**Dolphin Cove, Whispers of the Tides:** As the sun warms our skin, we find solace at Dolphin Cove. The clicks and whistles of these graceful creatures echo obsolete surprises. Our little ones were overjoyed as they splashed and interacted with these intelligent creatures, leaving us with hearts full of laughter and cherished moments.

**Jewel of the Sea Aquarium, A Prism of Life:** Immersed in the Jewel of the Sea Aquarium, we marvelled at the kaleidoscope of marine life. The kids were wide-eyed as they observed exotic fish, vibrant corals, and mesmerizing sea creatures, reminding us of the preciousness and diversity of life beneath the waves.

**Pelican Preserve, Guardians of the Shore:** At Pelican Preserve, our family encountered the noble guardians of the shore. This habitat dedicated to the care and conservation of rescued pelicans The kids watched in awe as pelicans soared above the coastline and demonstrated their impressive fishing skills, leaving us with a deep appreciation for their role in maintaining the ecosystem's delicate balance.

**Orca Encounter, Titans of the Depth:** The Orca Encounter brought us face-to-face with the awe-inspiring titans of the oceans. Our hearts raced as we witnessed the orcas' majestic leaps and heard their haunting calls. The kids were spellbound, forever fascinated by these ocean giants' raw power and beauty. The overall display of the show was eye-catching.

**Shark Reef, Guardians of the Abyss**: Descending into the depths of the Shark Reef, we encountered the Sharks. The kids' eyes widened as they witnessed the grace and mystery of sharks, rays, and other mesmerizing creatures. The experience left us with a newfound respect for these misunderstood creatures and their vital role in the marine ecosystem.

**Beluga Whales, Arctic Echoes:** In the Arctic enclave, we meet the mighty beluga whales. The kids were awestruck by the immense size of the

belugas. It was a poignant reminder of the fragile beauty of the Arctic and the importance of its preservation.

**Flamingo Lagoon, A Ballet of Coral Hues:** In the blush of twilight, we wade through Flamingo Lagoon. These coral-pink dancers tiptoe on stilts, their reflections painting the water's surface. Their necks curve like question marks as if pondering the mysteries of tides and sunsets. The graceful movements and vibrant colours captivated the kids, making us feel like we had entered a living painting. 8

**LAP 5 - Walt Disney World Resort:** A Realm of Enchantment As we immersed ourselves in the enchanting realm of Walt Disney World Resort, we couldn't help but be reminded of the power of storytelling and the importance of instilling moral values and virtues in our children. As the sun rises over the whimsical spires of Walt Disney World Resort, we awaken to the promise of magic and wonder. Today, we immerse ourselves in a realm where dreams take flight and imagination knows no bounds. So, let us don our most festive attire and embark on an adventure that will etch itself upon our hearts forever.

**Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Icons of Joy:** No visit to Walt Disney World would be complete without encountering the iconic duo Mickey and Minnie Mouse. Their infectious laughter and warm embraces envelop us, reminding us of the pure, unbridled joy that Disney has embodied for generations. The kids' smiles stretch from ear to ear as they pose for pictures and exchange hugs with these beloved characters.

**Cinderella's Royal Table, A Fairy Tale Feast:** In the heart of Cinderella Castle, we indulge in a regal banquet fit for royalty. The kids' eyes widen as they feast upon delectable culinary delights, surrounded by the grandeur of stained-glass windows and soaring turrets. But the true highlight is the appearance of Cinderella herself, gracefully gliding through the dining hall, bestowing her radiant presence upon us.

A Visiting Princess Belle, Embodying Grace and Wonder: As if plucked from the pages of a storybook, a visiting princess, Belle, graces us with her presence. The kids are captivated by her regal bearing, her sparkling gown, and the enchanting tales she weaves. For a fleeting moment, we are transported to a world of magic and possibility, where dreams can come true with just a sprinkle of pixie dust.

**Festival of Fantasy Parade:** The Festival of Fantasy Parade is a whimsical procession that celebrates the enchanting tales of Fantasyland at Magic Kingdom Park. As the vibrant floats glide down, beloved Disney characters come to life, delighting visitors of all ages. Here are some of the iconic characters we've encountered during this spectacular parade:

**a)** Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse: The true stars of Disney, leading the way with their infectious smiles and boundless energy.

**b)** Cinderella: Gracefully riding her pumpkin carriage, Cinderella embodies elegance and dreams.

**c)** Ariel (The Little Mermaid): Flipping her fins and bringing ocean magic to the streets.

**d)** Peter Pan and Tinker Bell: Soaring high above, these eternal adventurers invite us to Neverland.

**e)** Maleficent as the Dragon: Watch out for the fire-breathing Maleficent as she guards her steampunk-inspired float.

**f)** Belle and Beast: Dancing together, Belle and Beast remind us of the power of love and acceptance.

**g)** Rapunzel and Flynn Rider: Their lantern-filled float captures the spirit of adventure and freedom.

**h)** Merida (Brave): Riding her trusty steed, Merida embodies courage and independence.

**i)** Frozen: Anna, Elsa, and Olaf share their icy wonder in a frosty float.

**j)** Princess Aurora (Sleeping Beauty): Gliding gracefully in her pink gown, Aurora adds a touch of fairy tale magic. And that's just a glimpse! The Festival of Fantasy Parade is a magical tapestry woven with more beloved characters, dazzling costumes, and catchy tunes. So grab your Mickey ears, find a spot along Main Street, and let the enchantment begin! (To be continued...)